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C O N F I D E N T I A L ANTANANARIVO 0834

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CH, MA

SUBJECT: MALAGASY-PRC RELATIONS

REFS: (A) ANT 0804, (B) ANT 0739, (C) ANT 0776, (D) ANT 0811

1. PRC EXHIBIT CONTINUES TO DRAW HUGE CROWDS AND RECEIVE LAVISH PUBLICITY IN OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL MEDIA. ITS OPENING ON APRIL 25 WAS OCCASION FOR FLOWERY ORATIONS EXTOLLING CHINA AND MALAGASY-CHINESE FRIENDSHIP. IN HIS OPENING SPEECH PRC AMBASSADOR PRAISED DRM (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR) FOR ITS "GLORIOUS TRADITION OF STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND HEGEMONISM." DRM PRIME MINISTER'S RESPONSE, FULSOME IN PRAISE OF PRC'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND IN APPRECIATION FOR LARGEST SUCH EXPOSITION TO COME TO MADAGASCAR, QUALIFIED MALAGASY-PRC RELATIONS AS "MORE THAN EXCELLENT."

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2. COMMENT: THIS FAIR HAS PROVIDED DRM GOOD OCCASION TO DEMONSTRATE ITS "TOUS AZIMUTS" POLICY, AS IT BALANCES OUT SOMEWHAT THE ATTENTION RECENTLY GIVEN TO VARIOUS SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN MADAGASCAR. THERE ARE OCCASIONALLY OTHER SIGNS IN BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DOMAIN WHICH SHOW AN AWARENESS ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT AND AT LEAST CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF THE POPULATION THAT THE DRM'S PRESENT ONGOING MOVEMENT AWAY

FROM DEPENDENCE ON THE WEST IS NOT INTENDED TO GO TO THE
OTHER EXTREME. AS A COUNTERWEIGHT TO PRO-SOVIET ATTITUDE
OFTEN EVIDENT IN GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE MEDIA, WE HAVE
RECENTLY HAD, IN ADDITION TO CHINESE FAIR, PRESIDENT
RATSIRAKA'S COMMENTS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF /SOCIALIST"
INTERVENTION IN SHABA (REF B), CRITICISM OF INDIAN OCEAN
CONFERENCE (REF C), AND PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION ON
SOVIET-BUILT FACILITIES IN SOMALIA (REF D).BARRETT

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